

Griff Nominates Two Stars to Work Today---Players Seek Peace---Camp Notes

JOHNSON AND BOEHLING TO WORK AGAINST COLLEGE NINE

Griffith Nominates His Two Star Slabmen to Oppose University of Virginia Club Today.

Team Work Will Occupy Much of the Time Spent in Training Between Now and Next Friday.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 22.—Walter Johnson and Joe Boehling, perhaps the best pair of pitchers on the Griffmen's staff, will face the University of Virginia today.

Johnson has worked once for the regulars against Uncle Nick Altrock's team, while Joe Boehling has taken part in two practice contests. Both are progressing favorably and today's workout against the college boys will be the best of experience for them at this time of the year.

The mere announcement that Walter Johnson is to pitch three innings today means that fully half the Virginia students will be in the stadium to see him pitch. In addition, all the citizens of Charlottesville, unable to see major leaguers except after a long ride to Washington, are evincing interest, and, with good weather, many of them will swell the attendance. To see Johnson and Boehling twirl in one game will last many of them for the remainder of the year.

Virginia's team will not be as strong as it might be, owing to the examinations, which continue through this week. However, Coach Ryan hopes to have an aggregation on the field that will make a good showing, even against Johnson and Boehling. Facing such pitchers gives the collegians the best of practice and Coach Ryan acts wisely in stacking his youngsters up against the major league stars at every opportunity.

After today's game Virginia will have but one more game with the Griffmen. Wednesday will see the final conflict between these two teams for this spring. On the other days of the week the two big league squads will play each other. On Friday but one long practice will be held, finishing about 1 o'clock. Lunch will follow and then the regulars will depart for Richmond, while the rookies, under command of Uncle Nick Altrock, will go to Washington. On Saturday the rookies will meet the Alexandria Cardinals at Alexandria and the regulars will face Jack Dunn's Internationalals at Richmond.

Team work will be insisted upon this week by the Old Fox in preparation for the games coming quickly on the spring schedule. It is possible to play Virginia without much of a set of signals, but when opposing professional outfits—that's a different matter. With good weather, nine games remain to be played here, two of them with Virginia. In all these contests Manager Griffith will lay great stress on the correct interpretation of the various signs that he has been teaching his athletes. This will be a hard week for slow thinkers, no matter what positions they hold down.

"My team is coming along in fine style," said the Old Fox this morning. "While I'll drive them hard all week, yet it will be a tapering off in many ways. Our games with Richmond and the National League clubs are almost on us, and we must be ready. Of course, the boys will bat and field and run around the track, but inside baseball will also take up a lot of their attention. Big league players must have brains above all things. Why, Mike Kelly was a slow runner, but so brainy was he that he was the most dangerous base runner of his day. That's what brains can do for a ball player. It gives him the old percentage on the other fellow with slower brains."

"No, I make no predictions whatever, even though this is our last week here, and Washington will soon see us in action. I have a good ball club. The players are in earnest and always hustling. Furthermore, they have the right fighting spirit and a world of confidence. If they can show half the ability they think they have, we'll have a prosperous season."

That the Griffmen are confident of coming out pretty close to the top of the procession this year can be seen easily after a short chat with any of them. No one will actually claim the pennant, but one and all believe that Washington's best show is in 1915, even better than it looked to be in 1912, the year of that wonderful, record-breaking season in the West.

"Our hardest team to defeat has always been Philadelphia," explains George McBride, the veteran shortstop and captain of the team. "I'm now talking about the team in the last three seasons, since Griff came to Washington."

"Before that we never had a team in the first division. I can't help thinking that the passing of Plank, Bender, Combs, and Collins was a loss. I'm sure Plank Baker will mean a lot in our twenty-two contests with the Athletics. Few of the pitchers left with the team are as good as Plank and Bender, while Eddie Collins took the keenest delight in rebuking us of victories when we had almost won them. This last goes too, for Baker. If you recall, it was 'Bake' who broke that winning streak of ours with a drive over the right field wall at Shibe Park. 'Combs still has a good ball club, one of the best in the country. That

SIGNS OF SPRING: BASEBALL TEAMS COMING NORTH.



PLAYERS MAY STOP BIG BASEBALL WAR

Through Fraternity Strife Is Likely to Be Brought to an End.

NEW YORK, March 22.—That the baseball players have launched a concerted movement to stop the war raging between the two major leagues and the Feds was the belief in baseball circles here today, following a statement issued by Dave Fultz, head of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, in which he made a plea for baseball peace.

Baseball men here say that Fultz's statement was simply the opening gun in a war that the players intend to wage to stop the strife between the leagues. Fultz's statement, it is thought, will be followed up by a demand upon the managers that they take some action at once that will tend to bring peace.

Fultz declared that unless the managers' war is ended soon great damage will be wrought to the national game. The players would be the greatest sufferers in the end, he asserted.

Dave Dunn Quits Fordham Baseball

NEW YORK, March 22.—Dave Dunn announced yesterday that he had decided to quit the Fordham baseball squad to give more time to his law studies. Dunn always has been a good student and never found trouble in keeping well above the danger mark during the football season. Dave, who will captain the Fordham eleven next fall, is not taking any chances of getting a condition in the June exams and having further cares in the autumn, when the football season is on.

upset in the world's series last fall may do the team a lot of good. It may make them fight all the harder this season. But, as far as we are concerned, we shall go up against them with more confidence, knowing that Bender or Plank won't be around to relieve some shaking pitcher, or Eddie Collins on the job with a slugging hit or a great stop in a pinch.

"If we are ever to trim the Athletics, it is our chance. And I really think we'll do it."

Another game, a casino, is really the favorite among the players. Walter Johnson was out in front for adeptness. The game differs slightly from the average game of chance, being played by the ordinary public, depending on the force with which each card is thrown on the table. The casino player, who can wallop his knuckles and the card on the table instantaneously, naturally creates the biggest racket, naturally the game. People who think that a game of casino and exercise should lamp these birds in action.

George McBride's opinions are shared by all the regulars who have been through the yearly grind for the last three campaigns. While many are picked the Boston Red Sox to gallop in with the 1915 pennant, the Griffmen steadfastly refuse to credit Carrigan's clan with the necessary ability. They admit the greatness of the pitching staff and the outfield in Boston, but the infield is considered rocky and the general play of the team not what a pennant-winner should have.

"If we've got to beat Boston for the flag, we've got to get it now," is about the way the Griffmen reason. They look for more trouble from Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis than from any Eastern team. At the same time there is no underestimating Boston or Philadelphia. The boys know well that they'll have to play good ball to get the edge on both these clubs.

"The addition of Collins to the Chicago club will make a big difference this year," says McBride. "He is always doing something out there and can be depended upon in the pinch. If Chicago's pitchers come through and the Rowland finds a satisfactory outfielder, Combs may have another pennant-winning on the South Side."

"With Cobb in the game all season, Detroit is sure to be dangerous, but hardly a winner. However, these dangerous teams can kill some other fellow's chances, you know. This last also goes for the Browns. They always give us a battle and I see no reason for their not living up to history in 1915."

FERGUSON AND LOWE COMPLETE TRAINING

Both Boys Have Huge Following Here, as Their Work Is Well Known.

Both principals in the Denny Ferguson-Tommy Lowe fifteen-round go at the Ardmore Club tonight completed training at noon today and the managers of each boy declare they will make weight at the stated time, 6 p. m.

Because of the plucky battle Ferguson provided in his February 22 bout at the Maryland resort, his work has been much talked about by the fight fans and he is said to have a big following in tonight's engagement. None the less popular in the hearts of Washington's public is Tommy Lowe, the local boy who has been disposing of all comers so successfully for years. Lowe has had the benefit of better preparation for tonight's scrap than for any bout he has been booked in for years, and while he is making no boasts, his manager is expecting a decision.

Kid Greik and Buck Taylor are slated for the semi-final. They will go eight rounds. Kid Jefferson and Billy Smith clash in one of the preliminaries, while Jack Boland and Mack O'Brien are booked in the other. The first bout will be put on at 8:15 sharp, while the main bout is expected to start by 9:30.

Rookies and Regulars

MARLIN SPRINGS.—Larry Doyle's recovery of his batting was the sole topic in the Giants' camp today. The Giants' captain, who had a big slump in batting last season, broke out yesterday with a brace of singles and a home run.

SAVANNAH.—The Yankees were scheduled for a hard dirt today, following their light workout yesterday. Donovan plans on a long session of batting practice, having decided that is most needed.

DAYTONA, Fla.—Manager Robinson, of the Superbas, is happy over his club's hard-earned victory over the Athletics yesterday, but the discovery of a new pitching gem has made him more joyous than ever. Appleton, a rookie twirler, looks like a find.

TAMPA, Fla.—Frosty gales are keeping Breannan's Cubs from playing baseball. The Cub management is chiefly concerned about the report that the Southern League is going to flop to the Feds. The Cubs have exhibition games scheduled in seven Southern League towns.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Pretty soon Clarence Rowland is going to rue the day he ever let Pink Bode come back to the coast. Yesterday Bode started a rally which beat the Sox out, 4 to 3.

MARSHALL, Tex.—Joe Tinker and his hales are here for a while. George Stovall's Orphans, but cold weather and great clouds of Texas red dust rolling across the playing plate stopped all thoughts of playing baseball.

MACON, Ga.—Every one of Miracle Man Stallings' Braves are pulling for Miss Spring to be the main spectator in the opening of a two-game series with Billy Smith's Atlanta Crackers of the Southern League.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—Manager Carrigan and his Red Sox crew are almost convinced that all the talk about beautiful spring is bunk. Sunless, windy, snowy weather is keeping everybody under cover. The only consolation Carrigan has is that the baths are helping the "heavies."

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Never again, so said the Phillies this morning after yesterday's flailing trip. They were all seasick, almost shipwrecked, and tossed around on an angry ocean for hours. Bode Faskert is laid up with lumbago.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Joe Kelley, of the New York Yankees, is here to pick up some of the Athletics' superfluous material. Practice as usual, and possibly a game with the local club constitute today's program.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—Hans Wagner was released today by the moving picture men. When the last one departed the footballer made a dying spring for his rod and reel. "Now I may be able to catch a fish," he said.

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Mike Morisy joined the Pittsford today and was put right to work as third baseman for the regulars.

WACO, Tex.—Birmingham's Indians, who beat the Dallas Tex. leaguers Sunday, 10 to 8, in ten innings, brought their skates to Waco today, and figure they may play on "em."

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The Reds had a shutout game to their credit today, having walked the Pirates 5 to 0 Sunday.



Sunday In Camp

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 22.—Griff's burlesque manipulated the last Sunday in camp with the usual dexterity, converting an otherwise dull session into quite an enjoyable seance. There was no baseball practice yesterday, but there was every other kind of practice, from chinning the chandelier to hurdling all the blue notes on the piano. E. Ainsmith claims to hold the chandelier chinning championship of the camp, managing to chin the chandelier almost once before putting it out of commission, and thus depriving all the other chandelier chimmers of a place to practice.

The piano playing contestants had quite a spirited battle for the blue note supremacy until Griff gummed the procession by taking the handle away from them. Jack Bentley was leading at the time with the piano a bad second.

When Friday afternoon ambles around, that Richmond rattler will be awfully hard to take. It will make the lads nearly as sore as an elephant who has just inherited a new bag of peanuts from a rich uncle.

Mike Martin created quite a turore among the elite by putting his collar on for the first time since he has been in camp. The historic event occurred Saturday night, when Mike doiled up like a feathered thumb and took in all the movie. Mike is generally as busy as a one-armed orchestra leader, but through some typographical error nobody annoyed him on that epoch-making evening.

Captain McBride and Nick Altrock improved Sunday's shining hours by staging a chess tournament for the benefit of Joe Boehling. The fact that neither can nor Nick know a pawn from an aeroplane or could depict the difference between a castle and a shanty failed to dampen the ardor of their playing. Both the conspirators knew that their lone spectator was just as ignorant as they were. Hence, some of the moves which occurred were really marvelous. Any other spectator save Boehling would have smelled a rat, but Joe didn't even scent a mouse. The contest ended by Altrock securing a combination toe and strange hold after fifty minutes of spirited chessing.

Jack Ryan won the checker championship of the Antille after defeating Ramon Segile at spanish checkers. If Segile had won, he would have been automatically created champion of the Emerald Isle; therefore, the checker was viciously and tendaciously contested. Don Ryan was returned a handy victor, winning the rubber in three games.

Spanish checkers differ from the garden variety of checkers owing to the latitude enjoyed by the kings, which are allowed to jump all over the board like kangaroos.

The game is hard to explain and harder to look at.

Cigarette being persona non grata, and cigars being costly, the favorite method of creating an imitation of a locomotive burning soft coal is via the pipe line. Some of the pipes being noted around the camp would make a Chinese joss beautiful by comparison. Eddie Ainsmith staggers around under the weight of a huge pipe that carries a bowl as big as the Tidal Basin, which naturally makes it tough for Eddie to burn tobacco from the other birds. Nothing daunted, Eddie also carries another pipe which he styles his "decoy." It is a very tiny pipe, and Eddie asks up to the prospective victim with it jutted out from his teeth in full view and asks for a pipeful of tobacco. The unsuspecting fellow brings out his half pound humidor of tobacco, whereupon Ainsmith sinks the "decoy" and empties the contents of the humidor into the giant pipe, leaving the hooked fellow gasping with the empty humidor in his fist.

Pedagogue Altrock, who conducts a school for left handed pupils, has absolutely no use for the game of checkers, saying that the game suffers from the lack of open field running and tackling. He advocates the use of the forward pass in the game, the game more spectacular for the spectators. In addition, Nick says they ought to put cork centers on the checkers to make 'em bounce more.

"BUGS" BAER.

Princeton Baseball Starts on Wednesday

PRINCETON, N. J., March 22.—Princeton will open her baseball season on Wednesday with Gettysburg, while Villanova comes to Princeton on Saturday. Coach Clarke has had his men out of doors for the last few days, and a temporary diamond has been laid out in one corner of the field where practice games with the second team have been played.

The candidates that have been retained are divided into two squads and the present variety squad is composed of the following: Cory, Deyo, Dickerman, Douglas, Briggs, Gill, Greene, Hoyt, Keating, Lamberth, Madden, Salmon, Scully and Shea, while the scrub squad is composed of Campbell, Chaplin, Copeland, Haas, Hayland, Kelleher, Law, Link, Matlock, O'Kane, Talley and Whitehouse.

ANOTHER LOSS HAS COME TO ATHLETICS

Louis Van Zelst, Mascot, Dies and He Is Mourned by the Players.

Besides the absence of Frank Baker and the presence of new uniforms, the Athletics will present an entirely different spectacle when they come to Washington on April 27, for there will also be a new mascot on the team's roster. Louis Van Zelst, for years pet of the many-times champions, is dead. He had been ailing out of two days. Death resulted from heart trouble, a complication of Bright's disease and he passed away at his home in Philadelphia, yesterday.

Baseball fans in this city and, to some extent, all over the big-league circuits knew Louis. He took care of the bats at Shibe Park, and on world's series trips and even occasionally made rounds of the American League circuits with the club.

During all the glorious period from 1910, during which time the club won four pennants and three world's championships, Louis was credited by the players with being responsible for their good luck.

Louis was a hunchback and the superstitious ball players thought the probabilities of making a baseball game were increased if they could tap him on the back before going up to the plate.

The little fellow, with his gentle disposition and bright remarks, was the idol of the players, and they never failed to give him a split out of their world's series winnings. He was intensely loyal to the club, and often during the heat of some bitter battle had matched wits with Clark Griffith, Joe Birmingham, Hughie Jennings, or some other manager foe of the club, and came through with credit to himself.

Manager Mack yesterday for the players wired from Jacksonville to the Van Zelst family a message of condolence.

Get Out Today.

The Takoma A. C. baseball team will get practice today for the first time this season. The players are J. Hottel, T. Little, R. Nichols, R. Stevens, R. Hetherington, T. Stewart, L. Bennett, C. Magee, O. Lucas, R. Hendricks, L. Longstrech, H. Renner, L. Frank, G. Courain, H. Hendricks, R. Scott and Stewart. All teams wishing games write W. R. Stewart, at 112 Willow avenue, Takoma Park.

Takes Two Games.

Holy Name Juniors are two games in today as a result of morning and afternoon meetings with the Georgetown Junior Treds and the St. Dominic's teams yesterday. The Preps were defeated by 15 to 10 while the altar boys succumbed by a score of 19 to 2.

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